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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A MOBILE UNIT
TO LOG ON WITH A BASE STATION AND COMMUNICATION
SYSTEM
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002, please consider the remarks below.

REMARKS

Claims 12, 2-6, 8-10 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Johnston et al. and Saegusa et al. in view of Haraguchi et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection because it would not have been obvious to combine the Haraguchi et al. reference with the Johnston et al. and Saegusa et al. references. Further, even if it were possible to combine these references, the resulting device still would not disclose or suggest transmitting the acknowledgment signal via a local connection, which is separate from a radio connection (through which an identifier is transmitted), as in the present invention.

As discussed in the previously filed Amendment, the Johnston et al. reference is directed to a mobile communications system having a plurality of base stations connected to a LAN, and teaches that each of the base stations communicates with an associated radio unit using a DECT air interface. The Saegusa et al. reference relates to a method for registering a new cordless telephone to an existing cordless telephone system, and teaches that communication between the telephone and the access unit is through a two-way radio channel, including transmission of the product identification number and the verification of the identification number.